JUNE 7, 2002

Newfoundland and Labrador Teachers' Association

Executive Notes

Your Provincial Executive Council held its last regular meeting for 2001-02 on **June 7** in St. John's. This issue of Executive Notes is designed to provide you with a summary of major decisions occurring at this meeting.

For further information please contact any member of Provincial Executive or the staff person as indicated.

Association Priorities
Provincial Executive members were provided with an updated copy of the Priorities Document which had been revised June 6, 2002. Included in the report was an action plan, who is responsible, target dates for implementation, and action updates on what has occurred since the last Executive meeting in April. The four priorities for 2001-02 are: concluding a collective agreement; quality of teachers' work life; membership involvement; and communications.

For further information contact Winston Carter, President, or Edward Hancock, Executive Director.

Labrador West Negotiations
Opening packages were exchanged in May and talks took place May 21-29 and June 5-6. A proposed tentative agreement was accepted by the Executive of the Labrador West Branch on June 6. Provincial Executive approved the taking of a ratification vote re the proposed agreement. A meeting of the general membership was scheduled for June 10 and voting was to occur on June 13.

For further information contact Winston Carter, President or Perry Downey, Benefits and Economic Services Division.

Labrador Benefits Agreement
The exchange of opening packages has occurred. The dates of July 16-18 have been set aside for further meetings. It is anticipated that there will be a response from the employer at that time.

For further information contact Winston Carter, President, or Lloyd Hobbs, Assistant Executive Director.

Business from Standing Committees

MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS AND SERVICES COMMITTEE

- Resolution FL9 from the 2001 BGM was defeated. The resolution states: That the NLTA establish a system of shop stewards/teacher advocates at each site where teachers are employed in the province.
- The NLTA will enhance the role of teacher advocacy among school representatives by exploring the development of a defined and consistent training program.

For further information contact Paul Matthews, Chair, Membership Benefits and Services Committee, Lloyd Hobbs, Assistant Executive Director, or Stefanie Tuff, Benefits and Economic Services Division.

FINANCE AND PROPERTY

- The members of the Pooled Investment Fund Committee, responsible for all NLTA investments, will be provided with an in-depth orientation on investments within two months of coming on the committee.
- The disbursement formula for the distribution of funds for the Professional Development Fund and the Centennial Trust Fund will be reviewed.
- The Holiday Inn will be the hotel of choice for the NLTA for the fiscal year 2002.
- The car rental agency of choice for the NLTA for the fiscal year 2002 will be Budget Rent-a-Car.
- The travel agency of choice for the NLTA will be Carlson Wagonlit/Harvey's Travel.
- The NLTA financial audit for the year ending August 31, 2002 was accepted by Provincial Executive.
- The Association will initiate a review of airline ticket purchases to verify the financial feasibility of continuing with any one travel agency.

For further information contact Wayne Lee, Chair, Finance and Property Committee, or Jim Fox, NLTA Treasurer.

CURRICULUM COMMITTEE

- The NLTA, through the Curriculum Committee and the Math/Science Special Interest Council, will implement a process to obtain feedback from teachers on issues related to the Mathematics curriculum from Grades K-12 and the transition to post-secondary.

For further information contact Ted Murphy, Chair, Curriculum Committee, or Rene´ Wicks, Professional Development Division.

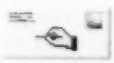
PROFESSIONAL ISSUES IN TEACHING COMMITTEE

- Effective immediately, guidelines restricting access of the T-4 program to Branches and Special Interest Councils will be removed.
- The request from the School Counsellors Association of Newfoundland (SCAN) to have the $25 membership fee deducted at source was approved.
- The Physical Education Special Interest Council will pursue the compilation of a list of Physical Education teachers, and upon approval of these individuals, submit this list to the payroll division of the Department of Education for deduction of membership fees at source. The list will be compiled on an annual basis.
- The Johnson Bursary will be adjusted to offer five bursaries at $400 each. Where there are competing applicants on an annual basis, any member may be granted only one award from those which are designated for teachers undertaking full-time study.
- Resolution FL17 from the 2001 BGM was accepted. The resolution states: The Special Interest Council Coordinating Committee be given a mandate to continue the work it has commenced to date and to act as liaison between Special Interest Councils and the Professional Issues in Teaching Committee.

  For further information contact Elizabeth Murphy, Chair, Professional Issues in Teaching Committee, or Beverley Park/RenŽ Wicks, Professional Development Division.

Table Officers

- The Association will purchase 10,000 laminated and embossed membership cards. Current NLTA members will receive the personalized membership card in 2002-03 and the remainder will be personalized as needed for new teachers over the next several years. For further information contact Lesley-Ann Browne, Communications Officer.
- The NLTA will support the proposed CTF fee increase from $18.30 to $20.30 per member, effective 2002-03, at the 2002 CTF AGM. For further information contact Winston Carter, President, or Edward Hancock, Executive Director.
- Provincial Executive approved the amalgamation of the Lower Trinity South and Bay de Verde Branches, effective for the 2002-03 school year. For further information contact Winston Carter, President, or Edward Hancock, Executive Director.
- The NLTA will continue its sponsorship of the Newspapers in Education program. The cost will be allocated from the Communications budget. For further information contact Winston Carter, President, or Lesley-Ann Browne, Communications Officer.



Discussion Topics

The following topics were reviewed by Provincial Executive for follow-up or future discussion: Virtual Teacher Centre; Occupational Health and

Safety Committees; Strategic Planning Initiative; the Fraser Institute, Forum on Bullying: and Group Insurance.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The first meeting of Provincial Executive for 2002-03 is scheduled for **August 15 and 16** in Corner Brook. For further information contact Winston Carter, President, or Edward Hancock, Executive Director.